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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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1. claims: 1-35,41-47

Inhibitor of fatty acid oxidation for the treatment of chronic and atopic skin diseases.

2. claims: 36-40

A method to investigate the effect of at least one inhibitor of fatty acid oxidation on skin constitution in vitro (claims 36-37) and in vivo (claims 38-40).

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